REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, 19, 22-24, 27-31, 33, 34, 37, 38, and 45 are pending in the present application. Claims 4, 7-9, 12, 14-18, 20-21, 25, 26, 32, 35, 36, 39-44, and 46 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

A. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Mander et al.

Claims 1-4, 6-37, 39-43, and 46 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over Mander et al. (US-A-6,243,724). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), in view of the amendments set forth above, is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 1

Amended independent claim 1 recites a method for managing a plurality of opened documents being displayed on a electronic desktop of an electronic device wherein an opened document is an application invoked created area on the electronic desktop of the electronic device, the area covered by the opened document being equal to substantially a total area of the electronic desktop of the electronic device or a partial user-operational area of the electronic desktop of the electronic device. Amended independent claim 1 sets forth that the opened document displays the contents of an electronic file, in a user-operational manner, as a result of the execution, by the electronic device, of the application, and a minimized opened document is an application invoked created area on the electronic desktop of the electronic device, the area covered by the minimized opened document being equal to a partial nonuser-operational area of the electronic desktop of the electronic device, the partial nonuser-operational area of the electronic desktop of the electronic device being smaller than the partial user-operational area of the electronic desktop of the electronic device.

The method of amended independent claim 1 minimizing a first opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device to create a first minimized opened document and creating a first icon on the electronic desktop of the electronic device to represent the first minimized opened document being displayed

on the electronic desktop of the electronic device; minimizing a second opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device to create a second minimized opened document and creating a second icon on the electronic desktop of the electronic device to represent the second minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device; forming a virtual pile by selecting the second icon representing the second minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device and placing the second icon onto the first icon representing the first minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device; modifying an appearance of the first icon to represent a virtual pile of minimized opened documents created by the first and second icons; and modifying an appearance of the second icon when the second icon is placed onto the first icon.

In contrast, Mander et al. teaches a method that organizes icons in a computer filing system wherein the icons represent non-opened documents. More specifically, the icons that Mander et al. organizes are non-invoked. In other words, the icons are just icons not an opened document that displays the contents of an electronic file, in a user-operational manner, as a result of the execution, by the electronic device, of the application, as set forth by amended independent claim 1. To realize an opened document that displays the contents of an electronic file, in a user-operational manner, as a result of the execution, by the electronic device, of the application, the icon of Mander et al. must either be doubled clicked (launching the program and data file associated with the icon) or the icon is give an execution commands which launches the program and data file associated with the icon.

Therefore, Mander et al. fails to teach or anticipate the creation of virtual piles of minimized opened documents, as set forth by amended independent claim 1, because Mander et al. merely teaches that the creation of piles from icons which represent non-invoked files.

With respect to dependent claims 2, 3, 6, 10, 11, 13, 19, 22-24, 27-31, 33, 34, and 37, the Applicant, for the sake of brevity, will not address the reasons supporting patentability for these individual dependent claims, as these claims depend directly or indirectly from allowable independent claim 1. The Applicant reserves the right to

address the patentability of these dependent claims at a later time, should it be necessary.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).
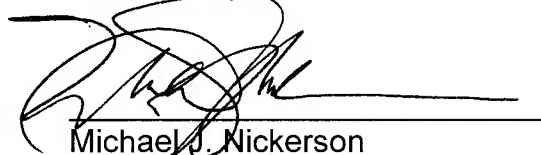
B. Rejection of Remaining Dependent Claims

With respect to dependent claims 5, 38, and 45, the Applicant, for the sake of brevity, will not address the reasons supporting patentability for these individual dependent claims, as these claims depend directly or indirectly from allowable independent claim 1. The Applicant reserves the right to address the patentability of these dependent claims at a later time, should it be necessary.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of all the reasons set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the present rejection. Also, an early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

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